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By: **Delegates Love, Sophocleus, Clagett, and Donoghue**  
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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Statute of Limitations - Contracts**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the period of time within which an action based on a  
4 certain contract must be filed after an alleged breach of the contract; and  
5 generally relating to limitations on actions based in contract.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
8 Section 5-101  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

11 BY adding to  
12 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
13 Section 5-117  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

19 5-101.

20 A civil action at law shall be filed within three years from the date it accrues  
21 unless another provision of the Code provides a different period of time within which  
22 an action shall be commenced.

23 5-117.

24 A CIVIL ACTION AT LAW THAT IS BASED ON A CONTRACT SHALL BE FILED  
25 WITHIN 6 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE ALLEGED BREACH OF THE CONTRACT  
26 UNLESS ANOTHER PROVISION OF THE CODE, OTHER THAN § 5-101 OF THIS SUBTITLE,

1 PROVIDES A DIFFERENT PERIOD OF TIME WITHIN WHICH THE ACTION SHALL BE  
2 COMMENCED.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2001.